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SUBJ: ALIEN MOTHERS OF AMERICAN CHILDREN

REF: STATE 84223

1. THERE IS AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE MOTHERS OF FULLY DOCUMENTED AMERICAN CITIZAN CHILDREN WHOSE FATHERS EITHER ARE DEAD OR HAVE DISAPPEARED. WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY SUCH MOTHERS WISH THEIR CHILDREN TO BE TAKEN TO THE U.S. (IN PAST WEEK SIX MOTHERS HAVE APPROACHED US FOR HELP IN GETTING GVN PASSPORTS) BUT THERE COULD BE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER. ASSUME SUCH MOTHERS WOULD QUALIFY UNDER SUB PARA 2B REFTTEL EVEN IF THEY DO NOT QUALIFY FOR IMMEDIATE RELATIVE STATUS UNDER LAW. WE CANNOT CONCEIVE OF THESE CHILDREN BEING EVACUATED WITHOUT THEIR MOTHERS, MOST OF WHOM HAVE IN-LAWS IN U.S. WHO WILL SUPPORT THEM OR HELP THEM. IT MUST BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE SOME WITH NO U.S. CONNECTION WHATEVER AND WILL DOUBTLESS HAVE TO BE PROVIDED FOR UNTIL THEY CAN BECOME SELF SUPPORTING. THIS NUMBER SMALL AND SHOULD POSE LITTLE PROBLEM.

2. IF WE EXCLUDE THESE US CITIZEN CHILDREN SOLELY ON GROUND THEIR MOTHER INELIGIBLE TO ACCOMPANY THEM, THERE WILL BE ENORMOUS CRITICISM IN STATES. WE HAVE ASSUMED, THEREFORE, THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PAROLE AUTHORITY WOULD APPLY TO THESE CASES.

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